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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
 - a first image forming unit comprising a first printing section for forming a first image on a paper;
 - a second image forming unit comprising a second printing section for forming a second image on the paper; and
 - a paper conveying unit for conveying the paper from the first image forming unit to the second image forming unit, wherein:
 - the first image forming unit further comprises a first paper supply section for storing paper and supplying paper stored in the first paper supply section to the first printing section, and
 - the second image forming unit further comprises a second paper supply section for storing paper and supplying paper stored in the second paper supply section to the second printing section, and a first conveyance passage for transmitting the paper delivered from the paper conveying unit via the second printing section to the outside, and a second conveyance passage for transmitting the paper to the outside while bypassing the second printing section.
2. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first printing section and the second printing section comprise the same recording material.
3. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

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the first printing section and the second printing section comprise different recording materials.

4. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first printing section and the second printing section comprises a toner.
5. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the toner comprises a ferromagnetic toner.
6. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first printing section comprises one of a ferromagnetic toner and a non-magnetic toner, and the second printing section comprises the other of the ferromagnetic toner and the non-magnetic toner.
7. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the toner comprises a color toner.
8. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first printing section comprises one of a color toner and a black toner, and the second printing section comprises the other of the color toner and the black toner.
9. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 24, wherein

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the first reversing section delivers the reversed paper to the first printing section or the paper conveying unit.

10. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the first image forming unit forms a third image on the paper delivered from the first reversing section.

11. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the second image forming unit further comprises a second reversing section for reversing the paper on which the second image is formed and for delivering the paper to the second printing section or to the outside.

12. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first image forming unit forms a third image on the paper delivered from the first reversing section, and the second image forming unit forms a fourth image on the paper delivered from the second reversing section.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the paper conveying unit comprises a first conveyance passage for passing the paper from the first image forming unit to the second image forming unit, and a second conveyance passage

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connected to the first conveyance passage, for transmitting the paper to the outside.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit are detachable so as to be respectively detached from the paper conveying unit.

17. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 16, wherein each of the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit is adapted to form an image on the paper and output the paper independently.

18. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first printing section is exchangeable for the second printing section.

19. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the first image forming unit comprises a magnetic ink character recognition printing unit for performing magnetic ink character recognition printing on one side of the paper; and
the second image forming unit comprises a non-magnetic toner printing unit for performing non-magnetic toner printing on both sides of the paper.

20. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

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the second image forming unit further comprises a reversing section for reversing the paper on which the second image is formed.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
a first image forming unit comprising a first printing section for forming a first image on a paper;
a second image forming unit comprising a second printing section for forming a second image on the paper; and
a paper conveying unit for conveying the paper from the first image forming unit to the second image forming unit,
wherein the second image forming unit further comprises a first conveyance passage for transmitting the paper delivered from the paper conveying unit via the second printing section to the outside, and a second conveyance passage connected to the first conveyance passage, for transmitting the paper to the outside while bypassing the second printing section.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first image forming unit further comprises a reversing section for reversing the paper on which the first image is formed.

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25. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 13_1, wherein the second conveyance passage is connected to the first conveyance passage.

26. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the first image forming unit further comprises a reversing section for reversing the paper on which the first image is formed.